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Health Center Funding Extension: TAKE ACTION

Act Now for Long Term Funding Legislation! The 30th of September deadline for Congress to pass funding legislation is quickly approaching. We cannot take it for granted. It is time to use your voice! Click below to contact your Members of Congress to ask for their support on legislation that has been introduced. To date, several bills have been introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives to extend the Community Health Center Fund (CHCF) for five years alongside funding for critical workforce programs. [VIEW THE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY HERE!](#)

[Click Here to Take Action!](#)





TACHC Legislative Review

*86th Texas Legislative Session Wrap Up:
Guide for Community Health Centers*

TACHC Legislative Review

TACHC members set eight priorities for the 86th Texas Legislative Session and were successful in accomplishing several of these priorities. Key pieces of legislation that improve health center operations, access, or funding were approved, including: Physician Education Loan Repayment Program; Telemedicine/Telepharmacy; and simplification for physicians within FQHCs to delegate aspects of managing drug therapies to pharmacists. [View the full TACHC Legislative Review here.](#) *Note: It's an interactive digital publication! You'll be able to search it, share it, link to bills, download as a PDF, etc. If you are viewing it on a phone or tablet, "tap" the page to see the available features.*

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NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

August 4-10, 2019

National Health Center Week: HAVE YOU POSTED YOUR EVENT YET?

Now is the time to start planning in earnest for National Health Center Week – *America's Health Centers: Rooted in Communities*, which is set for August 4-10, 2019. Only a handful of Texas health centers have listed events on NACHC's site...Time to ACT!

Use [NACHC's NHCW website](#) as your go-to resource when planning your activities and to stay current. The website is absolutely invaluable and provides everything you need including: Remember, start now for success, and post your event [here!](#) Also, Please notify TACHC Civic Engagement Director [Courtney Weaver](#) of your event!



Renewal of Designation for Look-Alikes Now Open

For look-alikes (LALs) with a designation period that ends December 31, 2019, the Renewal of Designation (RD) application module is now available in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs). Each applicable LAL's Authorizing Official was alerted of the module's availability through an email. A pre-recorded technical assistance (TA) webinar, as well as other TA resources, will be available soon on the RD TA [webpage](#). For questions, [contact the LAL Response Team online](#) or at 301-594-4300



Upcoming Events

Migrant Clinicians Network Webcast-Diabetes and Special Populations– Hosted by TACHC

July 16, 12:00-1:00 p.m. • [Register](#)

The HRSA Diabetes Quality Improvement Initiative is an agency-wide effort to improve diabetes outcomes and lower health care costs. MCN is working in support of the Improvement Initiative by assisting you to access resources and develop performance improvement skills that will enable you to address diabetes care and prevention in your mobile and agricultural worker populations.

Objectives:

1. Describe the intent of the HRSA Diabetes Quality Improvement Initiative
2. Describe at least one relevant approach to diabetes care for agricultural workers
3. Utilize UDS data metrics for monitoring diabetes performance
4. Access resources for diabetes prevention and outcomes improvement for the agricultural worker population.

CDC EPIC Webinar- 2019 Hurricane Season

July 17, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. CDT • [Details Here](#)

Are you prepared for the 2019 hurricane season? Join CDC's Emergency Partners Information Connection and CDC's National Center for Environmental Health for a discussion on this year's hurricane season. CDC experts will discuss the health risks that hurricanes bring; planning for the 2019 season; and how community leaders and public health professionals can use communication tools to lessen risks for people in the path of hurricanes. Closed captioning will be available. Participants can earn CEU, CHES, and CPH continuing education units. More information on this webinar, previous EPIC webinars, and information on CE units can be found on the [EPIC Webinar website](#).

Overcoming Recruitment Challenges: How to Attract and Select Top Talent

August 8, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT • [Details & Registration](#)

Based on the survey data collected from our members, we will examine the main recruitment issues we face and some best practices to attract, recruit and select the people we need to add to our teams. Join this

webinar to learn possible solutions to address your recruitment and retention challenges.

TACHC Webinar on Roadmap to Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS)

August 29, 12:00-1:30 p.m. [Details & Registration](#)

This webinar will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM and will provide health center staff with an overview of Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) and why they are critical in the work you do. Our expert presenter from the National Center on Farmworker Health, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, will introduce a new tool to help assess your health centers' current CLAS efforts, provide strategies and an implementation template to help you pave the road to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health disparities in your health center.

SAVE THE DATES for OC³ Compliance!

- **OC³ Compliance and Performance Improvement: Community Health Center Adoption Framework for Electronic Patient Engagement Part 1 • August 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
- **OC³ Compliance and Performance Improvement: Community Health Center Adoption Framework for Electronic Patient Engagement Part 2 • September 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

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Group Purchasing



New Hazardous Drug Bags from Rd Plastics Company

These bags are designed to help facilities meet compliance in handling and disposing of hazardous drugs in medical facilities. The sizes available represent the most utilized sizes and are available in 2 mil and 4 mil. For more information on these and other items please visit www.rdplastics.com or contact 1-800-795-7007. [View the flyer here.](#)

Total Number of U.S. Measles Cases for 2019 Climbs to 1,109

14 new cases reported since last week

CDC has posted its latest update on 2019 measles cases in the U.S. on its [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#) web page. The web page shows a preliminary estimate of 1,109 cases across 28 states as of July 3. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1992 and since measles was declared eliminated from the U.S. in 2000.

The states that have reported cases to CDC are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington.

Access additional information about U.S. measles cases in 2019 on CDC's Measles Cases and Outbreaks web page.

Measles outbreaks (defined as 3 or more cases) are currently ongoing in 2019 in the following jurisdictions:

- [New York State, Rockland County](#)
- [New York City](#)
- [California, Butte County](#)
- [Washington](#)

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New Free E-Learning Program on Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals

HHS' Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced a new, free and accredited e-learning program: [Improving Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals](#). The program is designed to develop behavioral health providers' knowledge and skills related to culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS).

Integrating Adolescent SBIRT Education into Health Professional Training: Findings from A National Effort to Prepare the Next Workforce

July 17, 1:00 p.m-2:30 p.m. CDT • [Register](#)

NORC at the University of Chicago partnered with the Council on Social Work Education, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, Center for Clinical Social Work, IRETA, Kognito, and subject matter experts to develop and evaluate an Adolescent [SBIRT Curriculum](#) including a Learner's Guide to Adolescent SBIRT for Instructors and SBI with Adolescents online virtual simulation. [View the Flyer](#)

SIREN Webinar: Examining the Validity of Clinical Social Risk Screening Tools

July 18, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. CDT• [Register](#)

Health care-based screening for social risks like food security, housing stability, and transportation access is rapidly spreading across US health care settings. The result has been an increased demand for multi-domain assessment tools, e.g. NACHC's PRAPARE, CMMI's Accountable Health Communities social risk screening tool, and the Health Leads questionnaire. This SIREN webinar will focus on whether and how gold standard methods have been applied to test social risk screening tools and what we know about the tools' psychometric and pragmatic properties.



Americares Health Center Resiliency Bootcamp

July 29-30, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Lubbock, TX • [Details & Registration](#)

The AmeriCares Preparedness Team is offering a free, 2-day Health Center Resiliency Bootcamps. The workshop is designed for FQHCs and other outpatient clinics with similar disaster preparedness requirements under CMS. It is best if 2-3 staff members attend from each clinic to provide insight as the participants complete planning documents specific to their clinic. Participants could include the Nursing Director, Quality Improvement Director, Safety or Emergency Preparedness Director, Chief of Operations or other staff members who would play a role in the management of emergency response in the clinic.

- 2-day training designed for health care organizations with existing emergency plans or mandates requiring plans be developed (such as FQHCs); concludes with a tabletop exercise
- Participants complete documents throughout the training that are specific to their organization and can be integrated into existing plans
- This training addresses core planning aspects of the 2016 CMS Preparedness Rule
- Day 1 covers emergency planning overview, emergency program management and ICS, communication, and essential services.
- Day 2 covers staffing, resources, partnerships, and a tabletop exercise. Day 2 also includes a presentation from the regions Emergency Management Regional Advisory Coalition and TACHC. AmeriCares Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services presentation is also included. [View the flyer here!](#)

SAVE THE DATE for other training dates and locations:

- August 1-2 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Corpus Christi, TX Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation • [Register](#)
- August 12-13 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.- Dallas, TX Healing Hands Ministries • [Register](#)
(Registration will open soon. Please check the TACHC website.)

For more information, contact [Mariel Fonteyn](#), [Emily Thompson](#), or [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#).

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved 2019 Annual Conference

July 28 - 31 • [Details & Registration](#)

The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU) will hold its 2019 Annual Conference July 28 - 31, 2019 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC.

Primary Care and Home Visiting Partnerships to Promote Maternal and Child Health

July 30, 2:00-3:00 CDT • [Register](#)

This HRSA webinar on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 will provide an overview of evidence-based home visiting programs and how health center and home visiting program partnerships can help achieve primary care goals and improve patient outcomes. The presentation will feature experts from HRSA, the Johns Hopkins University, and HRSA-funded health centers to provide insight into the value and development of these partnerships.

Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration: Building Workforce Capacities

July 31, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. • [Join the webcast the day of the session](#)

During this HRSA webinar, on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. CDT HRSA-funded health centers will share their unique approaches to developing behavioral health workforce training programs and practices that provide high-quality, integrated behavioral health care. [Join the webcast the day of the session](#) Call-in: 877-917-4906 Passcode: 9450742

Oral Health and Primary Care Integration for People Living with HIV

HRSA recently hosted a two-part webinar series on oral health and primary care integration to support people living with HIV. The strategies discussed are designed for all HRSA recipients serving people living with HIV regardless of whether the organizations deliver oral health care directly, refer out for all services, or are somewhere in between. Access recordings and slides for the webinars: Assessing Risk and Providing Basic Services at Primary Care Settings and Connecting Clients to Oral Health Services. [Click Here for More Information.](#)

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American Academy of Family Physicians: National Conference & Overcoming Recruitment Challenges Webcast

TACHC R&R staff will be traveling to Kansas City, MO on July 25th to market some of our current Family Medicine opportunities to residents and medical students as well as current providers. If you would like your vacancies presented to candidates at this event, please [click here](#) and submit a position profile by Tuesday, July 16th at 12pm. Additionally, TACHC R&R staff will be hosting a webcast titled "Overcoming Recruitment Challenges: How to Select Top Talent" on August 8th. Stay tuned to the Wrap for more information on this webcast in the upcoming weeks. We appreciate your continued support! If you have any questions please contact [Jonathan Davis](#) via email or at 512-329-5959.

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